

We are **Church of the Presentation**,
a welcoming Catholic community leading people
into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
through **Word, Worship, and Outreach**.

*Our doors are open to EVERYONE - whatever your age or
circumstance, whether you are hurting & looking for healing,
or looking for a parish home, or returning to church.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

September 6, 2026 / 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week, we commemorate the 25th Anniversary of 9/11. We pray for all those who died as a result, their loved ones, and all those first responders suffering health problems today.

Please see the remembrance opportunities hosted by the Borough and churches of Upper Saddle River listed on page 3 of this bulletin & posted on the parish website. Please join us.

Our Family Faith Formation Program Kicks-Off Next Weekend!

FFF parents & students in grades 1-6 are required to attend one of the following Masses next weekend, which will launch our "Year of the Fish":

Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 6:30pm

Don't forget your children's backpacks! We'll be blessing them at the Masses. Attendance will be taken after Mass. See you next weekend!



Flowing Together: Season of Creation 2026

by Amy Rini, Parish *Laudato Si'* Intern

As a recent graduate of Boston College Clough School of Theology, where I served as the "Care for Our Common Home Scholar," I see environmental stewardship as a legitimate form of Christian ministry. Caring for creation is a way of caring for



our neighbors. This year's Season of Creation (Sept. 1 - Oct. 4) theme is "Living Water," drawn from Ezekiel's vision of healing waters (47:1-12). This yearly ecumenical celebration inspires people of all Christian denominations

to unite to protect our common home through eco-spirituality, community resilience, and prophetic advocacy. You can honor the God who created and sustains life by showing up to your community, and journeying together through this Season. In the upcoming weeks, I will offer practical ways you can honor the Season, which I hope will inspire you to honor our shared planet in accessible ways. To deepen your eco-spirituality, attend our **Season of Creation Mass, which will be celebrated on Oct. 3-4 weekend**, and consider joining our Saint Francis Ministry (see churchofpresentation.org/st-francis).

Presentation Ambassadors Needed!

Are you a parishioner who loves our parish?
We need volunteers to help represent
Presentation at Upper Saddle River Day!

We will be participating at USR Day this year on **Saturday, Sept. 26 from 12-5pm** (rain date is Sept. 27, 12-5pm) **Can you spare an hour or two to sit at our table?** We're looking for friendly volunteers to spend a little time greeting neighbors, sharing information about our parish and ministries, and helping us welcome people from our community.

No experience needed, just a smile. We will provide handouts about our ministries. Can we count on you?

To sign up, please email Kathy Costello at KCostello@churchofpresentation.org

Welcome Chris Lopez, our new custodian & plant manager! *(who will be working with Cesar)*



Hi, my name is Chris, and I'm excited to be joining the parish community. I have a background in building maintenance and I'm grateful for the opportunity to use my skills to serve the church. My faith is an important part of my life, and I look forward to growing and serving alongside everyone here. I'm thankful for the warm welcome and excited to be part of the parish family!

Welcome Ruben Botali, our new ECHO intern!

Friends, my name is Ruben Botali. I'm from the Democratic Republic of Congo. I will be serving as a Parish intern here at Presentation for two years through ECHO, a postgraduate service program at the University of Notre Dame. I chose this program in hope to continue experiencing God's abundant Love. Looking forward to learning and growing alongside you all.



REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS!

Visit the parish website to register online for:

- ♦ Family Faith Formation (grades 1-6),
- ♦ Junior High Faith Formation (grades 7-8),
- ♦ First Eucharist Preparation
- ♦ Year 1 Confirmation Prep (which includes registering for Youth Ministry)

Youth Ministry Happenings

churchofpresentation.org/youthministry

YM Gathering for 10th Graders Only: Sept 13 after 6:30pm Mass. **Required** for those in Year 2 Confirmation Preparation.

YM Gathering for 9th Graders Only: Sept 20 after 6:30pm Mass. **Required** for those in Year 1 Confirmation Preparation. **There will also be a meeting for freshman parents at the same time.**



"Play-'n-Worship"
Returns next Sunday, Sept. 13
Our Sunday School for ages 3 through Kindergarten during 10am Mass in the Gathering Room

Parents, you can now have a more meaningful worship experience with fewer interruptions, while your children learn about our faith in a fun environment with games, crafts & songs.

Parent(s) must to sign their children in and out of the program, sign-in time starts at 9:45am.

Questions? Email Catzel catzel@churchofpresentation.org

Join Us at Our First Choir Rehearsal!

All rehearsals are in the Bethlehem Room



Children's Choir (grades 3-8)

Tues., Sept. 8 at 4:00pm

Adult Choir, Tues. Sept. 8 at 7pm

Contemporary Group Sun., Sept. 13 at 5:30pm (youth & teens are encouraged to join us!)

Please RSVP to Natasha at nbellias@churchofpresentation.org

JUNIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK!

jh.presentationfff.org

Monday, Sept. 14

Group A: 4:00-5:15pm
Group B: 5:30-6:45pm
Group C: 5:30-6:45pm

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Group F: 4:00-5:15pm
Group G: 5:30-6:45pm

Saturday, Sept. 19

Group H: 3:00-4:15pm

Tuesday, Sept. 15

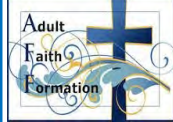
Group D: 4:00-5:15pm
Group E: 5:30-6:45pm

Attn: First Eucharist Parents

There is a **mandatory** First Reconciliation meeting **for parents only** in the Community Room on **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, at either 10:00am or 7:00pm for parents of children in our First Eucharist preparation program. **At least one parent must attend!** Contact **Patty Dodwell** at ext. 832 with any questions.



Fall Flower Sale: Next Weekend after
all Masses - Proceeds help fund our
Youth Ministry's Outreach Programs



Save the Dates! A flyer of our Fall 2026 Adult Faith Formation Programs is posted on the parish website.

SEPTEMBER 11

— 25TH ANNIVERSARY —

REMEMBRANCE

HOSTED BY THE BOROUGH AND CHURCHES
OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER

SEPT 10
7:00PM

**CONCERT
FOR PEACE**
*at Church of the
Presentation*

FEATURING

- Speaker Mike O'Brien, survivor
- Combined Music Ministries of USR Churches
- Memorabilia Display

SEPT 11
9:00AM

EUCHARIST
ALL ARE WELCOME
*at Church of the
Presentation*

FEATURING

- Solemn reading of the names of community members who died
- Tolling of the Bells
- Church open all day for reflection

SEPT 11
9:45AM

**STORYTELLING
& FELLOWSHIP
RECEPTION**
*at Church of the
Presentation*

FEATURING

Retired WCBS Radio Reporter Rich Lamb speaks about reporting on 9/11 & his friendship with the "Saint of 9/11" Fr. Mychal Judge

SEPT 11
1:00PM

**GUIDED LABYRINTH
WALK**
*at Church of the
Presentation*

FEATURING

Led by Beth Lawrence, leader of the Centering Prayer Ministry & International Retreat Leader

SEPT 11
5:30PM

**MEMORIAL
SERVICE**
*at
USR Fire Department*

FEATURING

- Borough Official Speakers
- USR School Choirs
- Solemn reading of the names of community members who died

**FILM
SERIES**
AT CHURCH
OF THE
PRESENTATION

★ THE SAINT OF 9/11: **7PM-SEPT 16**

★ COME FROM AWAY: **TBD**

★ MAN WITH THE RED BANDANA: **TBD**

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION:**

**CALL: 201-327-1313 OR VISIT:
CHURCHOFPRESENTATION.ORG**

**PARISH GOLF OUTING at
Darlington Golf Course, Mahwah NJ
Dinner at Mason Jar, Mahwah NJ**

Monday, September 14

This annual Knights of Columbus charity fundraiser is dependent upon the participation of our parish community and many sponsors. All proceeds fund many charitable programs including the parish itself, parish ministries, and the local community.



Register to play &/or donate at kofc6033.org or fill out the registration brochure located at the parish center.

**Centering Prayer Day of Reflection
Saturday, September 12, 9:45am-2:30pm**

September is a new beginning for many of us and a perfect time to make space in our busy lives for spiritual renewal. Come & reflect with scripture, music, healing meditation, & silence. Please bring a bagged lunch.



**Humility, Unity, and Joy in Christ
A Bible Study led by Fr. Anthony
on St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians**

**Mondays: Sept. 21, 28 & Oct. 5
7:00pm-8:30pm**

This three-week study will examine St. Paul's prison epistle to the believers in Philippi, exploring the profound interplay between Christ-like humility and Christian endurance. Together, we will discover how adopting the humble mind of Christ allows us to live as citizens of heaven, turning everyday anxieties and hardships into unshakable, communal joy.

\$20 fee covers materials. Please register by Sept. 16 on the parish website.

**Wills & Ways: Making Sense of Your Estate Plan
Tuesday, September 22
10am & 7pm in the Jerusalem Room**



Strasser & Associates, P.C.* will give a presentation on Wills, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Medical Powers of Attorney and Guardianship.

They will also discuss Charitable giving and all aspects of Estate Planning. All are welcome to join us for this informative presentation. No RSVP required.

**William Strasser, Esq., principal of the firm, is a Trustee of Presentation. The firm provides legal services to the parish on a pro bono basis.*

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY
Walking With Purpose Scripture Study
of Women of the Bible**

**Tuesdays,
Sept. 22 through Nov. 17
9:30am-11:30am in the
Gathering Rooms**



Use the QR Code or visit the parish website for more info & to register.

**The Bereavement Ministry:
Companions on the Journey**

"We are told that time will heal the grief, but it is in taking the time to grieve that we are healed."



If you are experiencing pain following the loss of a loved one, whether the loss was recent or a while ago, support is available to you. As participants in an eight-week Bereavement Support group, we will examine the many facets of grief (anger, loneliness, guilt, healing) and we will receive spiritual and emotional support from one another. **The next sessions begin the week of September 21.** Groups run by trained and compassionate facilitators will be offered at either 10am or 7:30pm.

To register and for one-on-one support until the sessions begin, call 201-327-1313 ext. 872.

LGBTQ Ministry

LGBTQ Ministry is a welcoming fellowship embracing the dignity and diversity of all Catholics by fostering a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and his people, through Word, Worship and Outreach.

For more information or to get involved, please contact LGBTQ@churchofpresentation.org

Grandparents' Afternoon of Reflection at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

Saturday, Sept. 12, 1:30-4:30pm followed by 5pm Mass. \$15 per person. Keynote address by Dr. Marilyn Kravatz-Toolan. Visit the parish website for more info & the registration link. Space is limited!



Monday & Wednesday Yoga
at 9:30am. Wear loose clothing, and bring a mat, towel & water. Donations welcome.

The Career Management Group is here for those who are unemployed, under-employed, looking to enhance their career or considering a career change. We meet in a welcoming, low-pressure setting. Our next session is **Career Q&A: Bring your Career & Job Search Questions on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7:30pm in the Jerusalem Rm.**



Our experienced volunteers are there to provide:

- ♦ Support with networking and contacts, resumes, interviews, job-related social media, AI tools, etc.
- ♦ One-on-one follow-up time for assistance.

All are welcome! If you wish to join our Career Management network, or have questions at any time, just email us with your name and a brief introduction and we will be happy to assist.

If you are an experienced in this field and would like to contribute some time to work with us **as a volunteer**, please email us and let us know. *Volunteers are always appreciated!*

Our email address is: presentation.cmm@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching shows us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness in the 21st century.

Each person is SACRED,
made in God's image, equal in dignity.

Each person is SOCIAL,
called to participate in family & community.

All people have RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES.
The right to life and its necessities, the responsibility to respect the rights of others and work for the common good.

We care for people who are POOR and vulnerable,
before all else.

Workers have rights. WORK has dignity.
We are partners with God in creation.

SOLIDARITY is our call.
We are our brothers' & sisters' keepers.

We care for CREATION.
We live in interdependence with all God has made.

Presentation Seniors

Tuesday, Sept. 8 (9:45am): Ashley & Denise Pettets will present an uplifting musical celebration honoring 250 years of the American spirit, featuring beloved American classics and nostalgic patriotic favorites. Let the power of music unite us in gratitude!

Back by Popular Demand! OCTOBERFEST!
Wed. Sept. 30 at Kruckers Picnic Grove. Start with pancake breakfast, full lunch including soup, roast loin of pork, potatoes, veggies & dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks throughout the day. Enjoy live band, dancing, bingo, pumpkin painting, corn hole toss, axe throwing & walking paths, bus transportation. \$100 per person. Reserve your spot at the meeting or call Barbara at 978-335-2233.

Green Thumb Ministry - Tuesdays 8-10am

Help us maintain the outside grounds of the church, i.e. by gardening, weeding etc. Come when you can. No commitment necessary. We'll meet in the parking lot opposite Mary's Grotto at 8:00am on Tuesday mornings.

Questions? Email Michele Baron at mbaron@churchofpresentation.org

Caring Stitches - Tuesday, Sept. 8

We knit, crochet & quilt for the benefit of the sick and bereaved. Patterns and yarns are available. Join us from **6:30-8:30pm** in Gathering Rm. South. We generally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. *Contact Michele Baron with any questions.*



Women's Cornerstone - A New Chapter!

This year, Women's Cornerstone is opening its doors wider than ever!

We're excited to welcome back all past Cornerstone participants to our monthly gatherings, no matter when you attended your retreat. Whether it's been a few years or many, we'd love to reconnect with you.

To celebrate this new chapter, we're kicking things off with a Cornerstone Reunion on **Tuesday, September 22 at 7:30pm** - a special opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and learn about what's ahead for our Cornerstone community.

If you've ever been part of Cornerstone, you're invited back—and we hope you join us!



Eucharistic Exposition

Come anytime on Wednesdays from **noon-6pm** to spend time with our Lord in the church.
Our closing time has returned to 6pm.



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Information Desk: Sun. 9am-12:45pm in the Narthex

Mass Schedule: See "Mass Intentions" on this pg.

Summer Office Hrs: June 5 through Sept. 7: 9:30am-4pm Mon-Thu

"Non-Summer" Office Hrs: 9:30am-5pm Mon-Thu. | 9:30am-2pm Fri.

Confession: Mon.-Sat. after 9am Mass, Sat. 1-2pm, or by appt.

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Rev. Richard Francesco ext. 829 rfrancesco@

Rev. Robert B. Stagg, Pastor Emeritus

Pastoral Council pastoralcouncil@

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Bereavement Support: ext. 872

Bulletin Advertising: Bon Venture Services 800-364-0684

Celiac Communion: Nancy Mierswa ext. 839 nmierswa@

Communion Calls: Kyle Lippman ext. 879 pastoralcare@

Electronic Giving / Parish Envelopes Kathleen Martorano
ext. 835 kmartorano@

Emergency Priest Visit for Anointing of the Sick ext. 877

Funerals: ext. 899

Knights of Columbus: www.kofc6033.org kofc6033@

Meeting Room Setups: Cesar da Gama ext. 823

Prayer Tree Ministry: prayertree@

This Week's Mass Intentions

Bread & Wine: Hannah Nappi, by Gerri & Matt Harold
Sanctuary Light: Michael Fitzpatrick, by Gerri & Matt Harold

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00am Rosemary Johnson, by Maria Morin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00am Gilbert & Evelyn Coyle, by Sheila Keane

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00am Columbia Rusnock, by the Rusnock Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00am William Hamilton, by Ruthie Brown

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00am 9/11 Remembrance Liturgy (see the cover)

Jack L. D'Ambrosi, Jr., by Karen D'Ambrosi & family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00am Bernadette McGowan, by Maureen Cinelli

5:00pm Mary Ann Barone-Chapman, by Ginny DePalma

James Patrick Jeffers, by Dianne Bono

Anthony Romandetta, by Gael Burman & Scott Romandetta

Guy Gaudenzi, by Jeanne & Carl Pursiano

Frank Minnock, by Katherine Grasso

John Salerno, by the Niemira Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

8:00am Andrew Jackson Garcia, by the Sharp Family

10:00am Joyce Sommers, by Carol Sileo

12:00pm Gorgo & Hillenmayer deceased family members, by Selina
& Ken Hillenmayer

John G. Verrilli, by the Verrilli Family

Ellen Bellias, by the Music Ministry

Francisco & Sebastiana Briones, by Agnes, Mark & AJ

John Skae, Sr., by the Skae Family

James F. Boettcher, by Mark & Laura Miller

6:30pm Mary & Francis Rover, by the Rover Family

We also pray for the following ill: Kelly Tomaino, Walker Tomaino, Lou Baptiste, Judy DiDonato, Andrew Laurino, Barbara Boucher, Nicole Halligan, Baby Maria Bole, Carmen Di Bartolomeo, Cathy Mueller, Darlene Kent, Melie Tiburcio, Tony Monks, Bob & Anthony DePellegrini, Leona DeBrock, Jill DeBrock, Gloria Zoda, Baby Hallie Rose, Lou Comarato, Robyn Fingerman, Nicole Armellino, Nicole Spanedda, Jane Martinson, Grace Christakos, Herman Balles, Mickey Leonard, Maria Hernandez, Miklos Henni, Vito Gerbino, Grace Warren, Barbara Murphy, James O'Connor, Monica Castiglia, Michael Martini, Kimberly Morris, Beverly Blauvelt, Emily B., Chris Friedlander, Bonnie Krentzman, Frank Pinto, Cynthia Castro, Jean Giovinco, Joe, Judy, Henry, Fred, & Lucy Schneider, Thomas Doorhy, Sab Caponi, Rosemary Tocci

and recently deceased: Margaret Feudi (mother of Janine Dolan)

To request prayers **in the bulletin** for the **ill or recently deceased**, email LizC@churchofpresentation.org. The name is not kept on the list indefinitely. If the ill person still needs prayers after their name is removed, feel free to email Liz to have their name printed again in the bulletin.

For **mass cards & mass intentions for the deceased**, call or visit the parish front office, or visit the Information Desk in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

Weekdays after 9am Mass, all are welcome to stay in the church to pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet.